

APPENDIX A:

INVENTORS' DECLARATION

UNDER 37 CFR 1.131

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DECLARATION OF INVENTORS UNDER 37 CFR 1.131

I, Kevin C. Baxter declare unequivocally concerning the subject matter claimed in the above-identified application that:

- 1. I, along with my co-inventors, conceived and invented the entire subject matter of the above-identified patent application.
- 2. All of the acts of invention described herein took place in the United States.
- 3. Prior to July 20, 2000, we conceived and/or reduced to practice the idea of a navigation system having an integrated GPS receiver, inertial measurement unit (gyroscope and accelerometer), barometer and magnetometer. As is set out in more detail below, subsequent to July 20, 2000, we worked diligently to further reduce to practice and improve various embodiments of this invention until our patent application was filed on January 11, 2002.
- 4. Between June 3, 2000 and January 11, 2002, we built several experimental prototypes which were carried as payloads on amateur rockets to gather flight information and, in

some cases, manage a portion of the recovery. While these tests were not a complete reduction to practice of our invention, the circuit boards remained our property and under our control during and after the test flights.

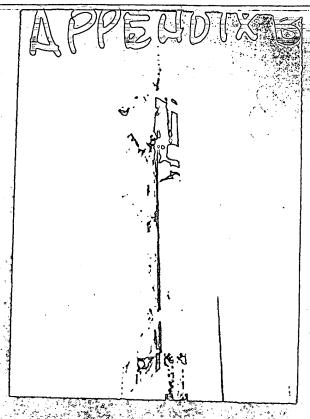
- 5. On June 3, 2000, a circuit board having a GPS receiver, a barometric sensor, and MEMS inertial sensors was flown on a rocket to gather flight performance data for use in development of software for the present invention. Unfortunately, the rocket cocked on launch and due to a relative flat launch angle of attack and low thrust flew a horizontal trajectory before crashing. The circuit board was destroyed in the crash.
- 6. Attached hereto as Appendix B is a true and accurate picture of the remains of the circuit board of the June 3, 2000 flight.
- 7. On June 6, 2000, we produced circuit board artwork for a board having a GPS receiver, a barometric sensor, inertial sensors, magnetometers, and telemetry (Appendix C).
- 8. On July 23, 2000 software was completed, and finally compiled on August 31, 2000, for a circuit board having a GPS receiver and telemetry. This board was intended to fly in late September 2000 but the launch was scrubbed (Appendix D, p. 1).
- 9. On September 18, 2000, software was completed for testing the three-axis magnetometer on a special test board (Appendix D, p. 1).
- 10. On October 10, 2000, the circuit board artwork was updated for the board of June 6, 2000 (Appendix E).
- 11. On November 7, 2000, the circuit board was modified to include reference designators for components (Appendix F).
- 12. On November 18, 2000, the circuit board was updated (Appendix G).

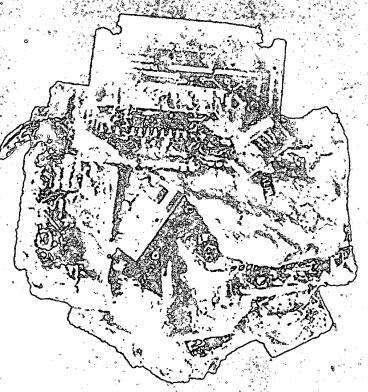
- 13. On December 4, 2000, the circuit board was modified for sensing wind (Appendix H) and software was updated (Appendix D, p. 3).
- 14. On January 17, 2001, the printed circuit board was updated (Appendix I).
- 15. On February 16, 2001, artwork was updated and printed circuit boards were ordered on April 5, 2001 (Appendix J).
- 16. On February 26, 2001, software was updated for the circuit board. (Appendix D, p. 3).
- 17. On March 2, printed circuit board for ground support for a launch scheduled May 12, 2001 (Appendix K).
- 18. On April 2, 2001, the software written on December 4, 2000 was recompiled for testing in anticipation of the May 12, 2001 launch (Appendix D, p. 3).
- 19. On May 12, 2001 a circuit board recording accelerometer and barometric data was flown on a rocket. The circuit board was recovered undamaged after the rocket suffered a catastrophic failure at approximately 600 feet above ground level (Appendix L).
- 20. On June 22, 2001 printed circuit board artwork was updated and new circuit boards were ordered on June 26, 2001 (Appendix M).
- 21. On July 6, 2001, printed circuit board artwork updated (Appendix N).
- 22. On August 22, 2001, printed circuit board artwork updated (Appendix O).
- 23. On September 4, 2001, an email was sent to Fred Holmes regarding printed circuit board order (Appendix P, p. 3).
- 24. On September 11, 2001 the World Trade Centers were destroyed. Understandably, waivers for upcoming launches were revoked by the FAA, delaying scheduled tests of the inventive system for a period of approximately three months.

- 25. On October 9, 2001 an email was sent to Fred Holmes regarding telemetry for an upcoming launch later in September (Appendix P, p. 2).
- 26. November 14, 2001 email from Kevin Baxter to Fred Holmes regarding patent application for the present invention (Appendix P, p. 1).
- 27. November 27, 2001 email from Kevin Baxter to Fred Holmes regarding upcoming December 2001 Kimbo launch carrying a circuit board to gather data (Appendix P, p. 4).
- 28. December 17, 2001 completed magnetometer test software (Appendix Q).
- 29. All of the documents that are contained within appendices that are attached hereto are true and accurate copies of these documents as they are found in our files.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful, false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that willful, false statements may jeopardize the validity of this application or any patent issuing therefrom.

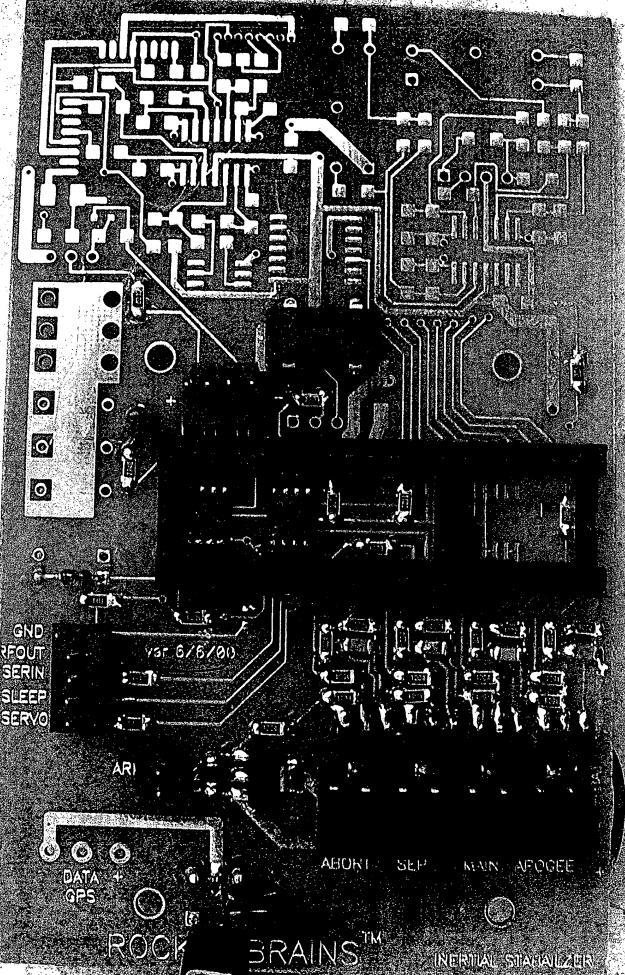
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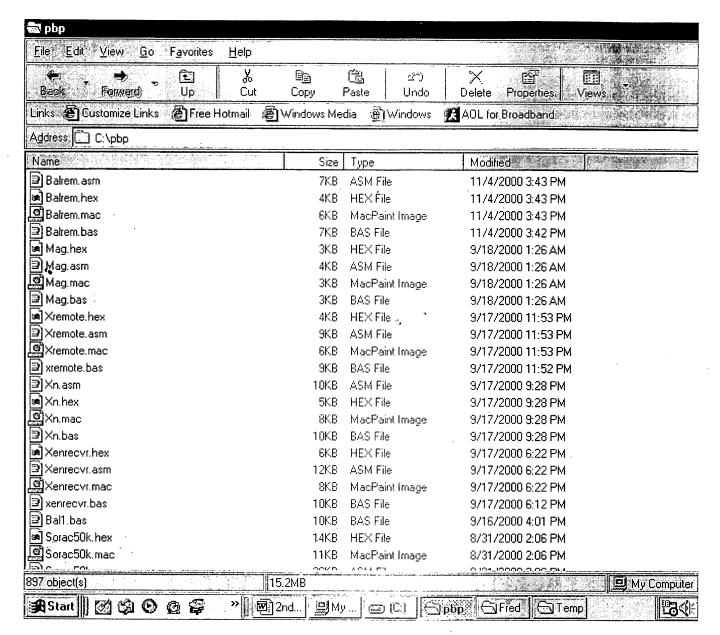
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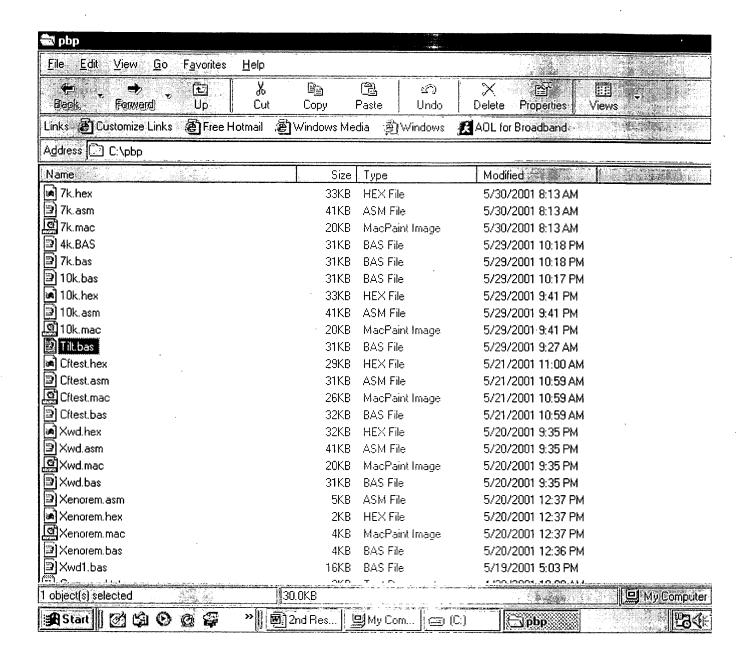
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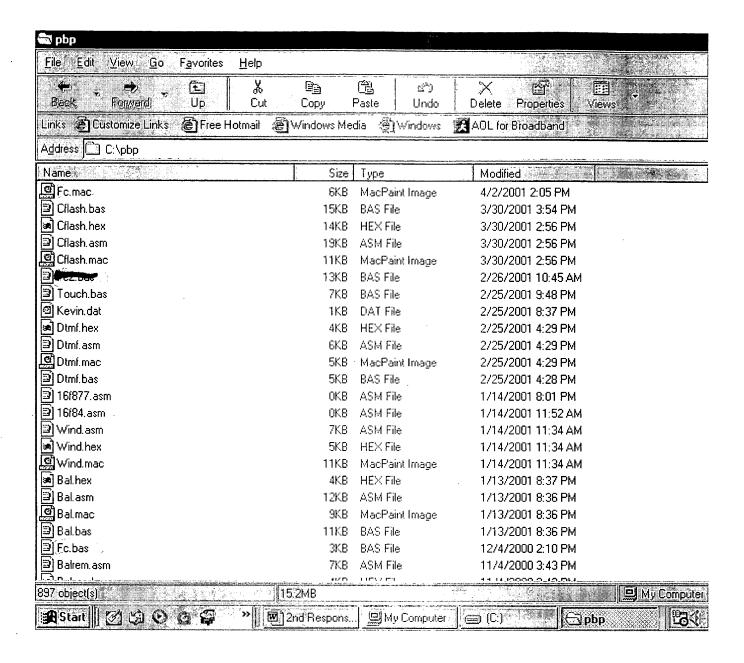


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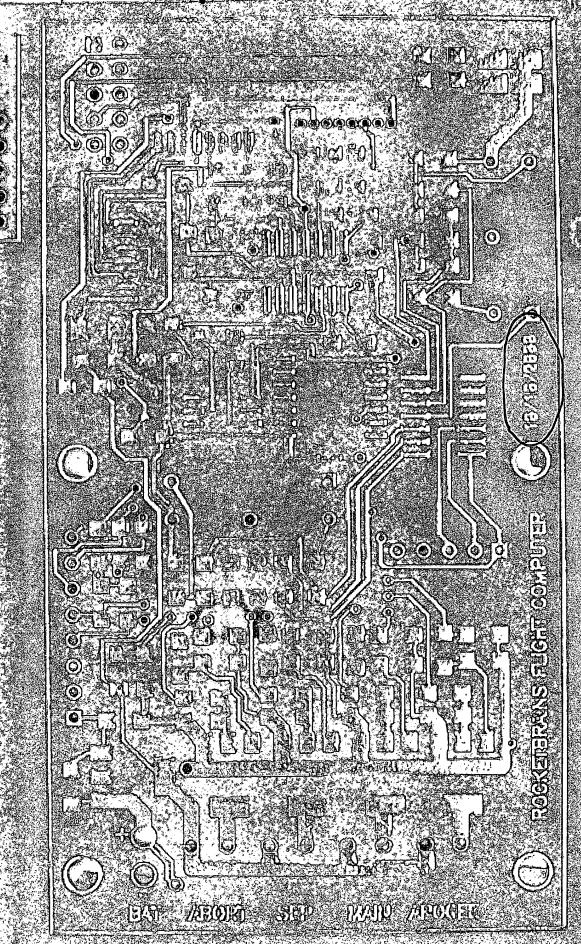
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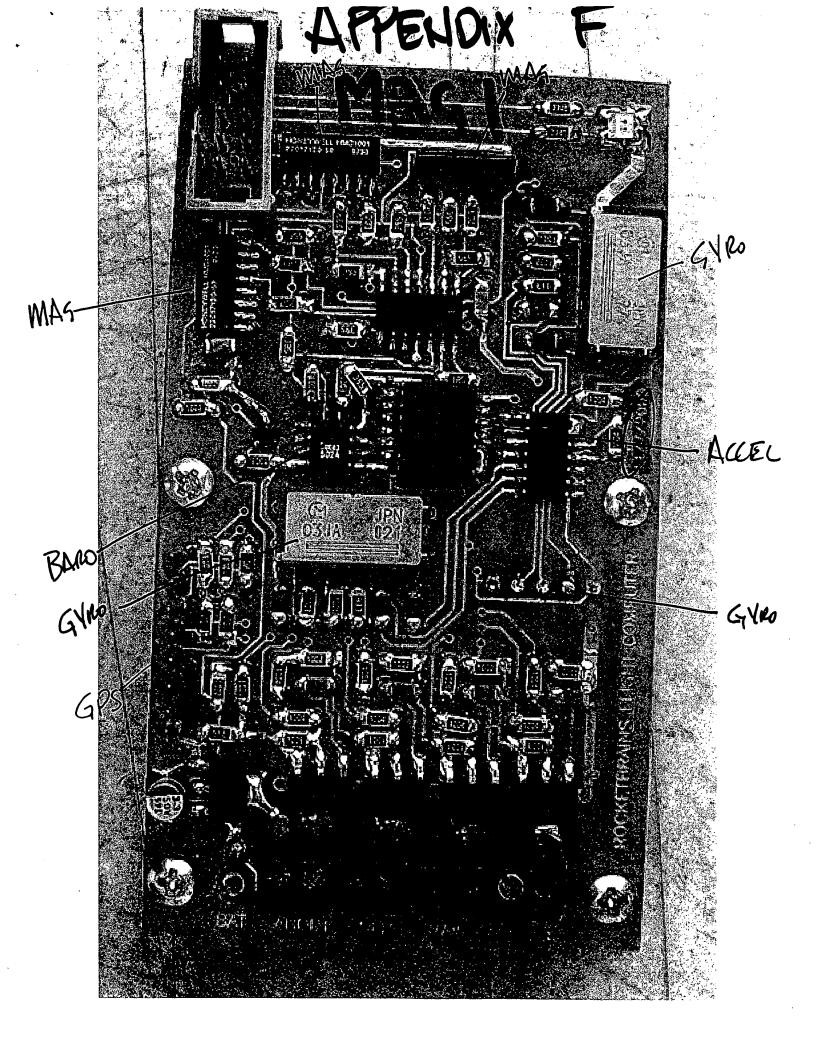




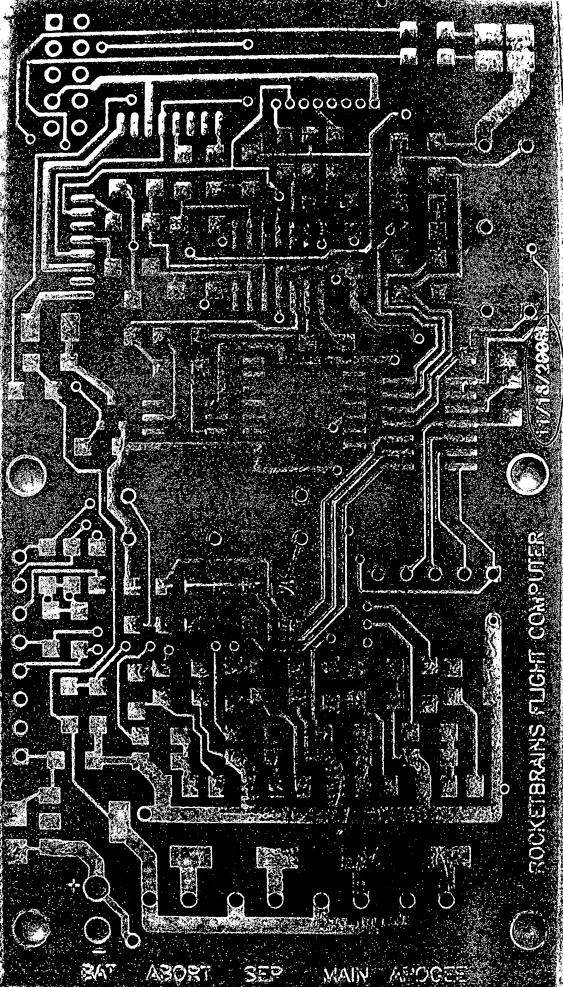


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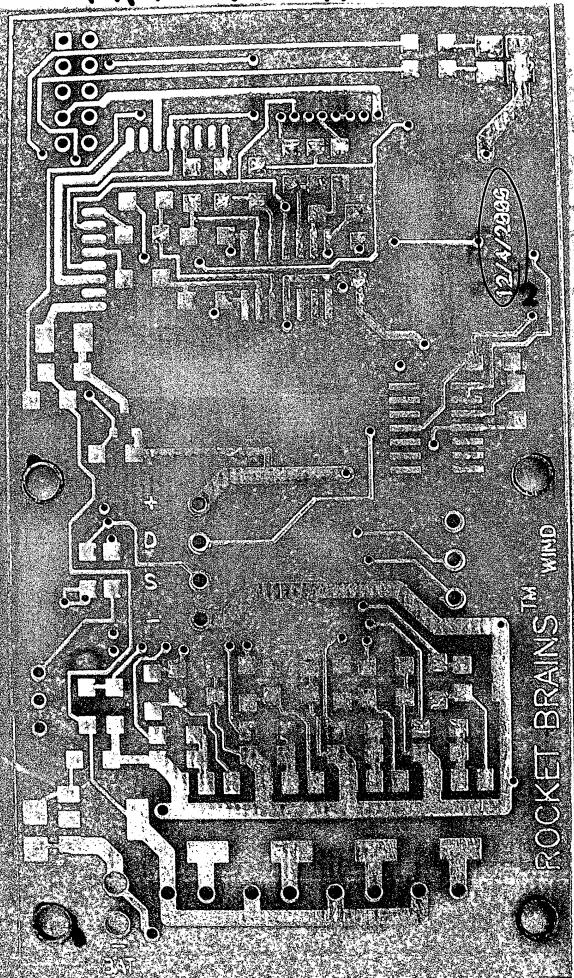




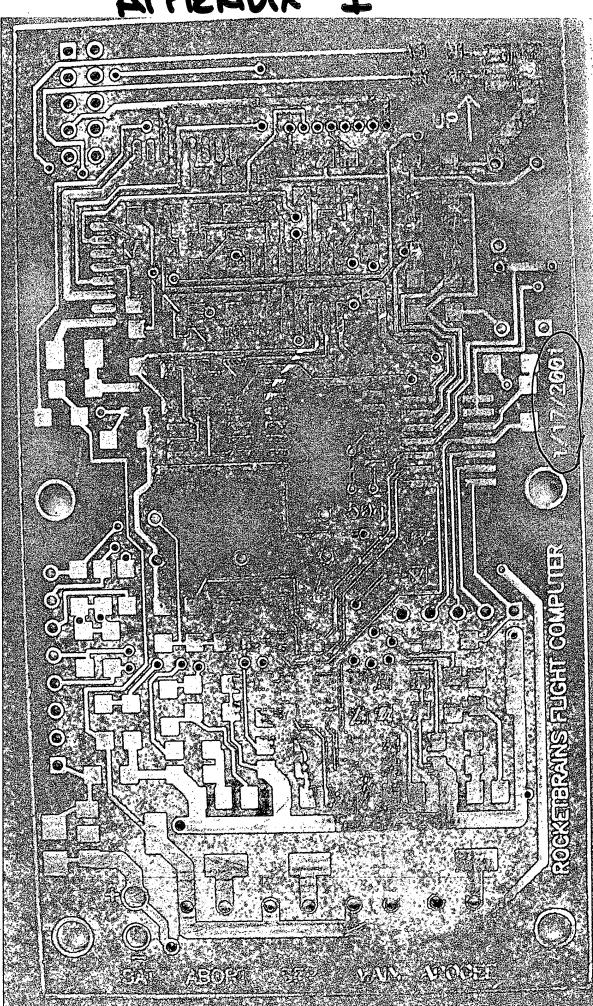
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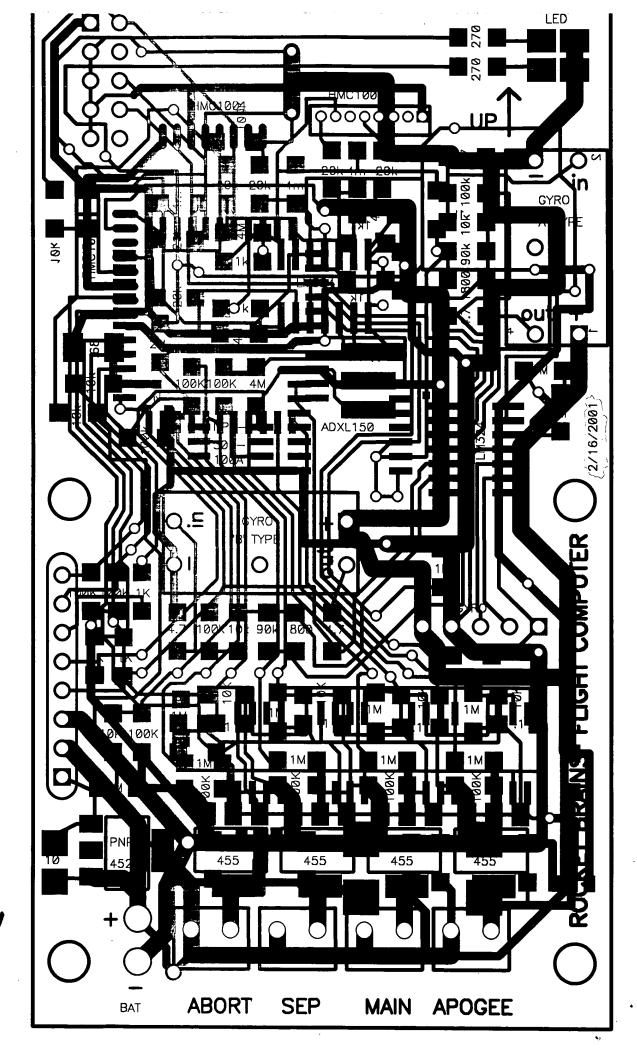


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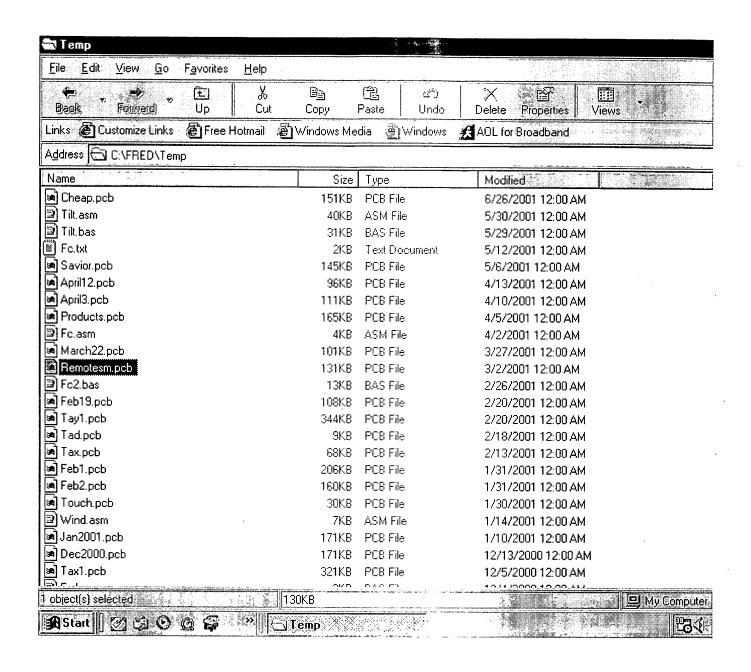


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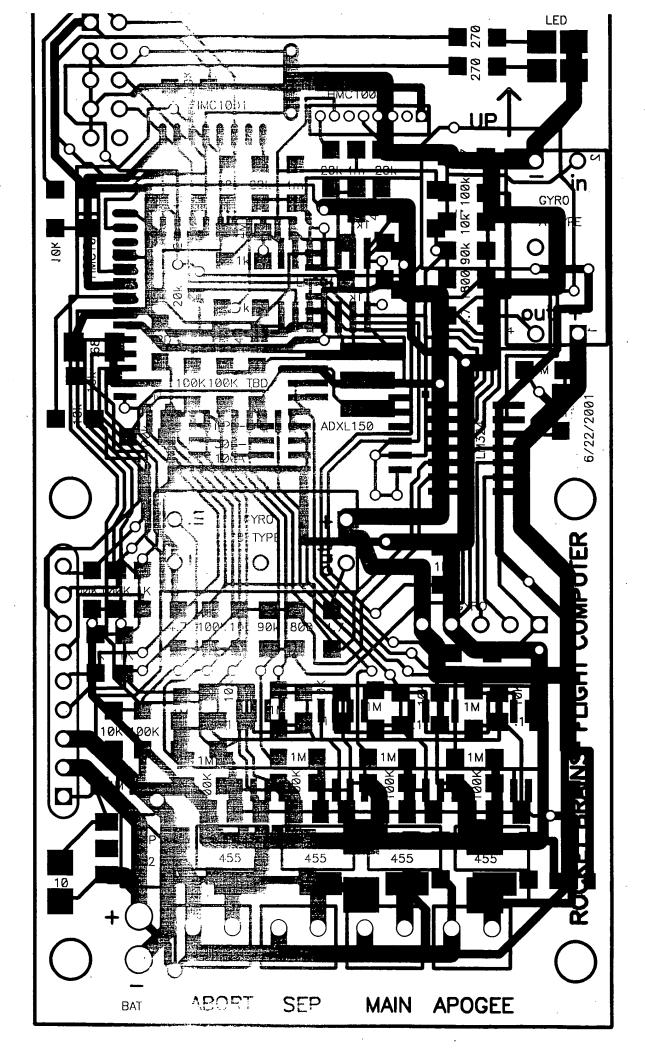


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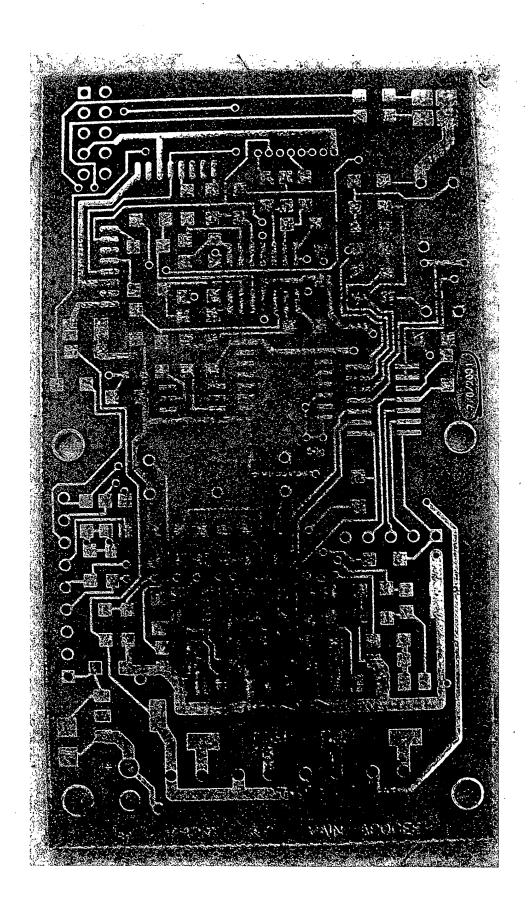
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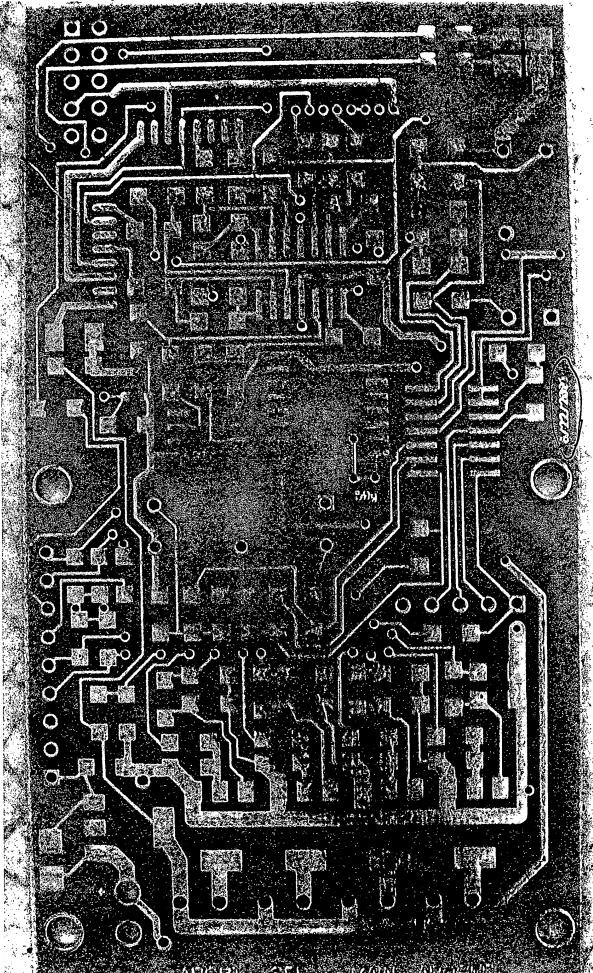
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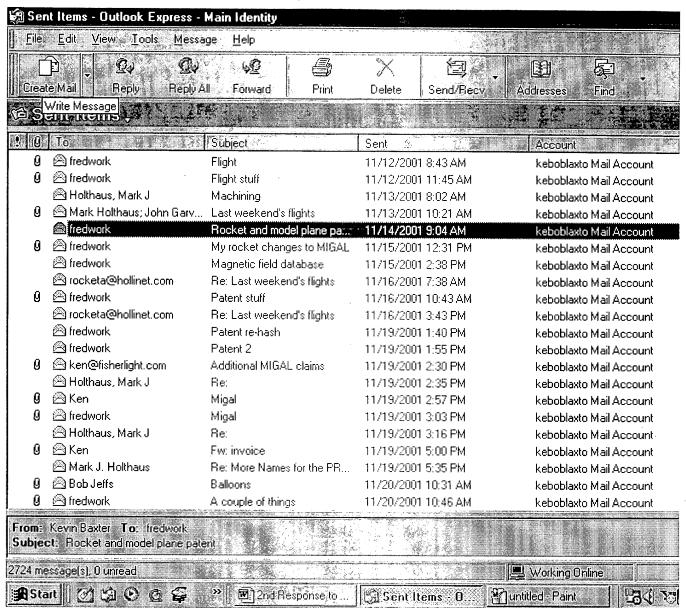
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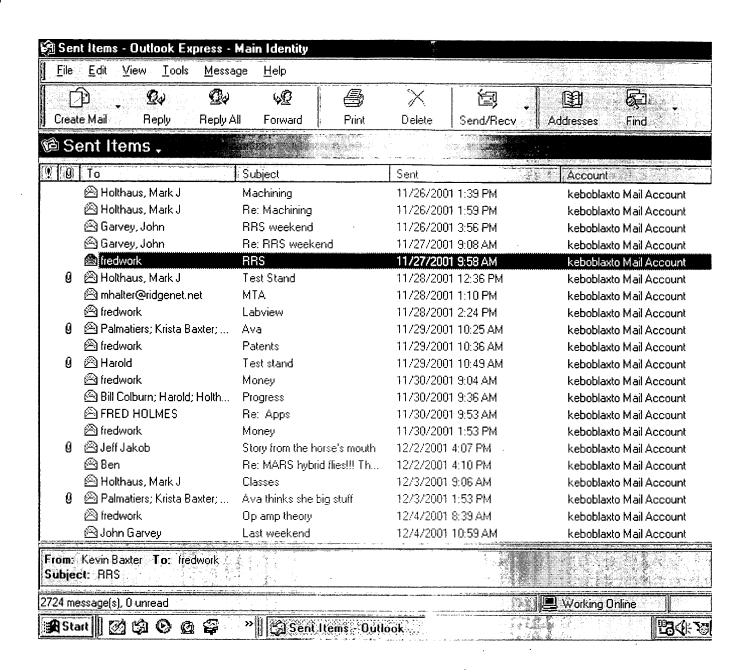


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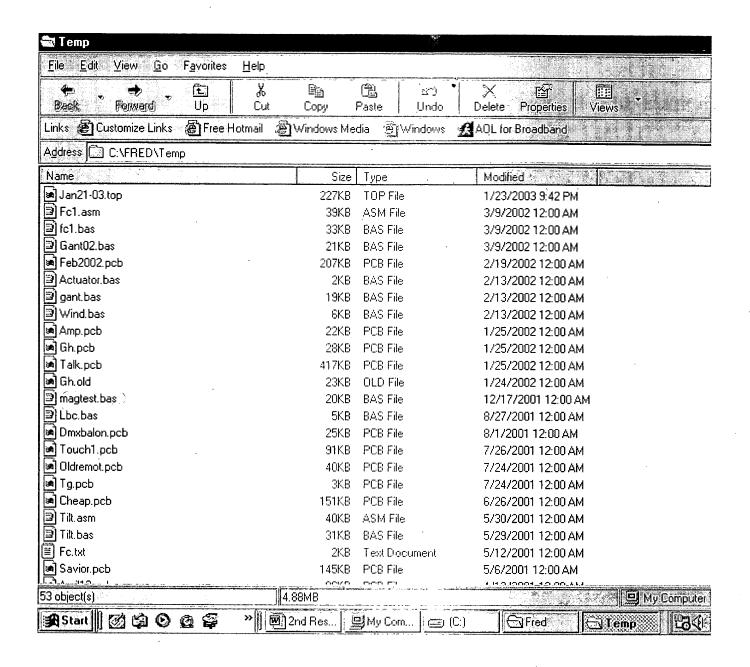


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